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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miss Ethel Freytag on
a lifetime of service and achievement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to
those citizens who are living estimable lives of service and achievement; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ethel Freytag is one such citizen, having devoted the majority of her
eighty-nine years to the education and service of the good people of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Freytag was born on the 24th of September, 1911, in Wartburg,
Tennessee, to Albert Lee and Maude Neil Freytag, who were descendants of the early settlers
of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident, researcher, and historian for Morgan County, Miss Ethel
(as she is known to all her friends and family) is considered to be the most reliable source for
information on the history of families from her area; and

WHEREAS, a 1930 graduate of Central High School, she is the last living member of her
class; she graduated from Tennessee Technological University in 1943 and received her Library
Science certification from the University of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, Miss Ethel was a teacher and librarian in Morgan County schools for forty-five years and still continues her involvement in preserving history of education in Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in the development of the Public Library for Wartburg beginning in 1945, she was also involved with the Regional Library Board for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, she and a co-researcher published *The History of Morgan County*; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, Miss Ethel has been a member of the Historical and Genealogical Society of Morgan County, and she is a former member of the Board of Directors of that organization; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of politics, Miss Ethel states that she has been a Democrat since she was old enough to understand the political process; and

WHEREAS, she has played many roles within her family: aunt, substitute mother, and substitute grandmother; “Aunt Ethel” has always been a source of strength for her family, having dedicated her life to maintaining the familial pride and unity that are so much a part of her German heritage; and

WHEREAS, aware of the early developments of the Wartburg Castle and Chapel, Inc., she eagerly awaits the continuation of the maintenance of the heritage of her beloved community; she has met with Reverend Schultz and is enthusiastic about the developments for this area; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ethel Freytag was baptized at the age of eighteen, whereupon she became a devout Christian and a member of First Baptist Church; she is now the church’s oldest living member; and

WHEREAS, today, a resident of the Life Care Center of Morgan County, Miss Ethel continues her diligent efforts to maintain the history and heritage of Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to take this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Miss Ethel Freytag on a lifetime of goodwill and service to the citizens of Tennessee, particularly Morgan County, and we wish her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.